# Is it really Mother's Day?



This is a good question. We have the tradition of celebrating Mother's Day during May. We see on television how important our mothers are, and television ads recommend buying them clothes, jewelry, appliances, a car, or just to give them money. I wonder, is this really a good way to celebrate Mother's Day? Of course, material possessions are good to demonstrate our appreciation for them; however, it is not enough. If we only remember our mothers once a year, buying expensive stuff for them is not enough if we do not demonstrate with our words and actions how much we love them every day of the year. So, is it really Mother's Day? I believe that the most important thing is to demonstrate the love we have for our mothers. If we are at home with them, say "Mom, I love you," kiss her, give her a big hug, prepare dinner for her, and express with your actions all the gratitude and love you have for her. If your mother is far away, call her, make a video call, write a letter or card, and send it by mail, and express everything you feel for

her. In addition, something very special that you can do for her is to pray. We can pray the Holy Rosary for our mothers, especially for those in heaven. The Blessed Virgin Mary, who is also our mother, is always ready to intercede for us. She loves us very much, and she always desires to protect us and our loved ones. Our mother is one of the most beautiful gifts that the Lord God has given us. Let us pray always for our mothers and express our gratitude and love for them always. If you ask me, if today is really Mother's Day, my answer is NO. Today is not Mother's Day, because Mother's Day should be every day of the year. Therefore, let us always express our love for our mothers, not only in May.

May God continue to bless our mothers always! Fr. Jorge Ramirez.

### A Prayer in Gratitude for Our Mothers

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of theory who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings. Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of husband, family, and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most.

- Author Unknown

### **Our Mission**

We are a Catholic faith community blessed with the joy of God's love. Together we share this love with all who hunger for God's presence in their lives. We follow Christ who taught us to find God by giving our lives in service to others and gathering to celebrate a Eucharist that welcomes everyone. Join us on this journey!

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES: If you have a pastoral emergency after office hours; please call (315) 604-8070.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES: Saturday (vigil) 4:30 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**DAILY MASS TIMES:** Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Call Tricia Kull, Faith Formation Coordinator at 265-4750.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** Saturdays from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Tuesdays from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Oct. - June or by appointment with a priest.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Arrangements for marriage for registered parishioners must be made at least six months in advance through the Parish Office. Preparation includes meetings with the pastor, Pre-Cana and the Fully Engaged inventory.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** The Eucharist and Sacramental Anointing are available to the homebound and those in need. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

**HOSPITAL VISITS:** Please call the Parish Office in advance, if possible.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday - 3:00 · 4:00 p.m.

**NEW MEMBERS:** We welcome new members! Please introduce yourself after Mass to the Pastor and stop by the Parish Office to register. Members moving to another parish, changing address or phone numbers, please notify the Parish Office promptly.

**FAITH FORMATION:** See our website or contact Tricia Kull for more information at (585) 265-4750 or Tricia.Kull@dor.org

- Religious Education Classes offered for Grades 1-7 in our Sunday Program or Family Program.
- Sacrament Preparation for First Penance and First Holy Communion (two-year program) for Grades 2 and over.
- Confirmation Preparation (two-year program) for Youth in Grades 8 and over.
- RCIC to prepare children ages 7-17 to enter fully into the Catholic Church through Baptism.
- Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays (October June) during our 10:30am Mass for Grades Pre-K 3.
- Children, Youth, and Family opportunities to gather in fellowship throughout the year. Watch our monthly newsletter for more information.

# Legion of Mary



Our Legion of Mary is an association of Catholic men and women under the leadership of our Blessed Mother and the influence of the Holy Spirit.

The Legion's work consists of the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, homebound and nursing home visits, assistance at funerals and any other assignment given by our Pastor. The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday @ 9:30 am. in the Marian Room.

The Legion also uses a Prayer Chain dedicated to those with special needs. If you have a loved one or yourself who may be in need of prayers, please call the parish office @ 265-1616 or email norazark@aol.com to be placed on their prayer chain.



### **Bereavement Meeting**

We will be having a Bereavement Meeting on Tuesday, May 14th at 2:00 pm.

Please join us in the Wing Room (across from the parish office). All are welcome. Kindly call Mary Ann Spinelli at 265-9395, if you plan to attend.

# Becoming Catholic

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is a spiritual journey for adults interested in joining the Catholic Church through Baptism or in completing the Sacraments of Initiation. For more information, please contact Fr. George or Mary Kramer.



# Rochester Cursillo Notre Dame Retreat House

While Cursillo is Spanish for "short course", it is more than a simple retreat. Cursillo plays a role in a person's lifelong growth as a Christian. The 3-day weekend invites all Catholics to dive into our faith and connect with God's unlimited love and spiritual revitalization. For more information,

contact: Tim Flynn (585-281-3816) or Keith Bunker (585-613-8036).

You can also visit the website: www.rochestercursillo.com

2024 Weekend Dates: Men: 5/30 - 6/2; Women: 6/20 - 6/23



If you are visiting us this weekend, we are glad you could join us today!

We extend our warmest welcome to you!

### Altar Candles will burn this week for the following:



The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in Loving Memory of Alice Anderson, req. by Pat Gaglio.

**Our Blessed Mother's Altar Candle** will burn in Loving Memory of Richard DeLutis Sr., req. by Nancy & Jim Rank.

**St. Joseph's Altar Candle** will burn in Loving Memory of Paul Hunt, req. by Monte and Jamie Chilson.

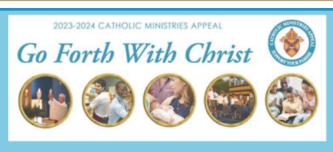
If you would like a candle lit in memory of a loved one or for special intentions, please call the parish office.

A REMINDER: If you need a devotional candle lit immediately for a loved one, a special occasion, or special intentions, you are invited to light the small votives that are on the side altars of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. They will burn for about 4-5 hours.

### **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

### Brendan Cobble and Madeline Hallancia





# Holy Trinity's CMA Appeal

### **Urgent request**

We only have three weeks left to raise \$19,571.11

All donations and pledges must be received by May 31, 2024. Please donate what you can to help our parish. If we do not reach our goal in pledges, the remaining balance will be paid from our operating account.

Please pick up a CMA envelope or go online to make your gift today. Be sure to indicate "Holy Trinity - Webster (326).

### www.dor.org/giving/catholic-ministries-appeal

We thank those 520 donors who have given so generously! Thank you for your continued generous support to our Parish!

### Stewardship by the Book

Jesus is the perfect steward—watching carefully over all who had been entrusted to Him by the Father and then sending them all out into the world in service. May I similarly protect and wisely use the gifts entrusted to me!

# Senior Ministry Event

Please join us on Monday, May 13th at 1:30 p.m. in Trinity Hall for:

Pathway to Priesthood; Fr. George's journey from Colombia to Webster.





## May Penny Sunday May 11 & 12th

The Bethany House has been serving women since 1977. Their mission is to provide temporary housing, assistance and support to women and children in Rochester afflicted with homelessness and instability.

For more information about the Bethany House, please link this QR code.





### April 2024 Totals

Blessings to all who donated through the mail, on line and dropping off at the Parish Office. We continue to strive to maintain our goals for the month. Holy Trinity is grateful for your continued support.

Please consider going online to give - Call Tim Reetz @265-1616 ext. 304.

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# The Eucharistic Revival: A Year of Parish Revival Reflecting on Session 6: Jesus and the Eucharist. The Story of the Eucharist

In last week's article I discussed how manna, given to the Israelites during their time in the desert, was a prefigurment of the Eucharist. This is just one of many examples in the Old Testament where we see the Eucharist predicted. Going back even further in the Old Testament, to Genesis' account of creation, we discover that God created the universe to reveal Himself to us. The earth was created to be the place where God would be with us. Adam and Eve were given the Garden of Eden as a place where they could meet God. The bounty of the Garden contained the forbidden Tree of Good and Evil and the Tree of Life. Adam and Eve partook in the Tree of Good and Evil, alienating themselves from Gods love, but never ate from the Tree of Life. The Tree of Life was put there by God so that our first parents may partake in its fruit and enjoy life with God, forever. Though Adam and Eve didn't eat from the Tree of Life, God foresaw our needs and responded with a plan that would offer salvation to the world.

God promised to send a savior to restore humankind's lost communion with Him. When Adam and Eve separated themselves from God through a forbidden meal, God responded with a meal that would restore our relationship with Him. Christ's Cross was the new Tree of Life. The fruit of this tree was Christ's flesh, given to us in the Eucharist. When we partake in the fruit that is the Eucharist, Christ's real flesh, we are restoring our communion with God. This communion is lost or damaged whenever we sin, yet out of love, God gives us a path to repair our relationship with Him. The Eucharist is how we meet our loving God. When we receive the Eucharist, God is in us. There is no better time to pray than when Christ is part of us. At Mass, it may be difficult to stay focused on prayer as others prepare to receive the Blessed Sacrament around us or concerns weigh on our minds. Don't be discouraged! You are not alone, I assure you. Try to refocus your mind back to Christ's presence in you. Do it many times, if necessary, God will appreciate the effort. God knows all our limitations; He did create you after all. There is nothing wrong with expressing your desire to know Him better and asking for the Grace needed to achieve this deeper relationship.

Finally, on behalf of the Eucharistic Revival team, Happy Mother's Day! We pray that all mothers feel a special love on this day where we recognize the roles that you play in our lives. I pray to the Blessed Mother that she watches over all

of you and keeps you close to her heart. For the mothers that have returned to the Lord, I ask Mary to mediate on their behalf to her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Join us again, or for the first time, at the final session, "Bread for the Journey". We will gather Thursday, May 23 at 6:30pm in Trinity Hall.



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- Ketchup
- Cooking oil
- Cereal
- Flour, sugar
- Hand soap
- Dish soap
- Shampoo, conditioner, body wash

Food drive, Saturday, May 18th 10:00 a.m.— Noon Knights of Columbus parking lot (behind church)



### Mass Intentions: May 11th - May 19th

All weekday and weekend Masses will be live-streamed

# Saturday - FOR ALL MOTHERS, LIVING AND DECEASED May 11, 2024

4:30 p.m. (VIGIL) † Father Tim's ordination anniversary, req. by parishioners, friends and Holy Trinity staff

# SUNDAY - FOR ALL MOTHERS, LIVING AND DECEASED May 12, 2024

8:30 a.m. † Dante Mastrosimone, req. by family

10:30 a.m. For the people of Holy Trinity, living and deceased

### Monday - Our Lady of Fatima

May 13, 2024

9:00 a.m. † John Toscano, Jr., req. by Joe & Carol Manzo

### **Tuesday - Saint Matthias, Apostle**

May 14, 2024

9:00 a.m. † Special Intentions of Father George, req. by a parishioner

### Wednesday - Saint Isidore

May 15, 2024

9:00 a.m. † Paula McBurney, req. by Bob & Eileen Detrie

### Thursday - Easter Weekday

May 16, 2024

9:00 a.m. † Nicola Palozzi, req. by family

### Friday - Easter Weekday

May 17, 2024

9:00 a.m. † Karen and Terry Kuhn, req. by Ron & Jill Malley

### Saturday -

May 18, 2024

4:30 p.m. (VIGIL) For the people of Holy Trinity, living and deceased

# SUNDAY - PENTECOST SUNDAY May 19, 2024

8:30 a.m. † Sam Colombo, req. by Annette Colombo

10:30 a.m. Special Intentions and in Thanksgiving for Holy Trinity volunteers and their families, req. by Father George, staff and parishioners

### This Week at Holy Trinity Church

Monday, May 13

1:30 p.m. Senior Ministry Event - "Pathway to Priesthood"; Fr. George's journey from Colombia to Webster - Trinity Hall

### Tuesday, May 14

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Cursillo - Wing Room

9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Legion of Mary - Marian Room 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Bereavement Support - Wing Room

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Confessions - Church

### Wednesday, May 15

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. St. Monica Ministry - Church 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Stitching Group - Wing Room

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Bible Study - Trinity Hall

### Thursday, May 16

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Bible Study - Trinity Hall

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Adoration - Church

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Holy Hour - Church

### Friday, May 17

8:30 a.m. Rosary - Church

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Webster Quilt Guild - Peace and Unity

### Saturday, May 18

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Webster Hope Food Drive - McGivney Center

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Confessions - Church

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Website: www.holytrinityweb.com Email address: wholytri@dor.org

### **MASS TIMES:**

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Vigil
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.. (Oct. - June)

(no Tuesday confessions during the summer)

If you find that you are unable to attend Mass in person, you may view our live-stream at https://livestream.com/accounts/18862485/events/5598269

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